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Applicant: MURATA, Kaoru et al.
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For: COLUMN FOR THE CONCENTRATION OF
COMPONENTS IN A SAMPLE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of April 10, 2006, the period for response having been extended up to and including October 10, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claim 9 is cancelled.

Claims 10-14 are amended.

New claims 21-23 are added.